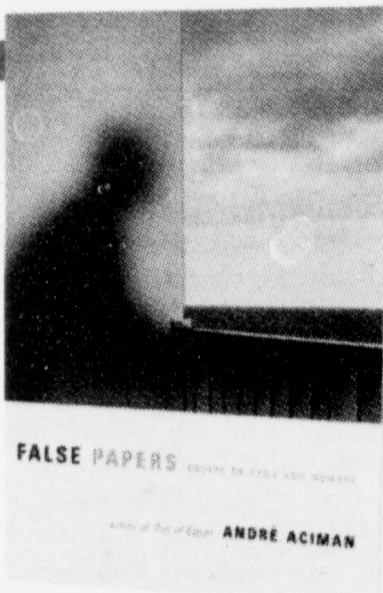


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Colleges seek student input on fee increases

Editor's note:

This is a summary of proposed fee referendums that students will vote on in March. Further articles detailing each college will begin in Monday's paper.

By Malia Spencer

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

By the end of this quarter, Cal Poly's colleges will know how their students feel about a fee increase.

Throughout February and March, each college will present students with a fee increase referendum that will range from about \$125 to \$200. The vote on the referendum will take place on March 13 and 14. The amount of each fee will be determined on a college-by-college basis, as will the location of the voting.

Past fee increases were imposed university-wide, but this time students will vote on an increase based on their individual colleges.

Each fee will go strictly to classes and expenses needed within that college. The fee will only be implemented in the colleges where the majority of the students pass it.

Final proposals for each college are due to the University Provost's Office Jan. 28.

College of Agriculture

The administration at the College of Agriculture (CAG) declined to be interviewed at this time but members said they have been meeting with the CAG Student Council.

College of Architecture and Environmental Design

College of Architecture and Environmental Design (CAED) is still working on its fee proposal and has not decided on the final sum, said CAED Dean Martin Harms.

The college is conducting focus groups with students to find out what kind of increase students would agree on, where the actual voting should take place and where they believe the new money should go.

"Right now, our No. 1 priority is what students think (of an increase)," Harms said. "The final figure will be based on that."

Harms explained the fee increase is important at this point in time because all five of the CAED professional programs are heavily dependent on up-to-date equipment and a low faculty-to-student ratio, and the costs are no longer being met.

"The level of general funding from the state is no longer adequate to support the kind of education Cal Poly

represents," Harms said.

He added that the college has had a continuous problem maintaining quality and offering the necessary sections students need. Having multiple sections is important in CAED because many courses are taken in a sequence and missing one quarter can set a student back a whole year.

Harms estimates that the CAED is underfunded by roughly \$300,000 a year.

The college has received help from private fund-raising, but the gifts are usually highly targeted to specific needs or are endowments that have a limited pay out, Harms said, so the last place to get help is through student fees.

Once the proposal is finished, the college will begin an informational campaign.

If the majority of students within the CAED pass the referendum, the decision on how to spend the funds will be made. Harms said there would be some sort of department monitoring committee, which will include students from those departments, to oversee the spending.

"We expect some kind of department accountability," Harms said. "And we have to be accountable to show students classroom benefits."

Orfalea College of Business

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"The level of general funding from the state is no longer adequate to support the kind of education Cal Poly represents."

Martin Harms

dean, College of Architecture and Environmental Design

(OCOB) is still working out its proposal and is unsure how much the fee will be, said OCOB Associate Dean Doug Cerf. Right now, they are looking at something between \$175 and \$200.

With 2,500 students, a fee of this magnitude would bring in \$1.3 million to \$1.5 million a year.

The college has not been receiving enough money from the state to accommodate the number of students it must accept.

"The problem is in state philosophy for state school funding," Cerf said.

Currently, OCOB is focusing on student opinions and what they think the schools' priorities should be. Cerf said he sees class availability and class size as major issues.

Approximately eight classes a year within OCOB have more than 200 students, Cerf said. He added that in 2001-2002 roughly 20 percent of class sections were more than 55 students.

The informational campaign for OCOB will go from mid-February through mid-March and consists of

open forums, special club meetings and a Web site for student feedback. If the fee is passed, the OCOB plans to also consult students on spending plans.

College of Engineering

The fee proposal for the College of Engineering is still under discussion for an increase of \$200, said Amy Hewes, director of Public Relations and Communications for the College of Engineering.

The college has had a budget shortfall for a number of years since the state began funding all CSUs based on system-wide averages, Hewes said. Since Cal Poly's engineering program costs more than others, they don't receive enough funding.

"We want to maintain the level of quality of our programs," Hewes said.

The college has been fund-raising to try and compensate the budget shortfall and has raised millions of dollars, but much of those funds come in the form

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Women remember Roe v. Wade decision

By Chrystal L. Anderson

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Three decades ago, the Supreme Court settled a still-disputed decision to protect women's right to choose.

Twenty-nine years later, women locally and around the nation celebrated the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision Tuesday.

The San Luis Obispo County Pro-Choice Coalition hosted the celebration to promote pro-choice rights.

The keynote speaker was Anna Mautz with the California Abortion and Reproduction Right Action League (CARAL).

Mautz said Roe v. Wade established a women's right to choose to have an abortion, and is encompassed in her fundamental right of privacy.

Roe stands for Jane Roe, an anonymous name for Norma McCormick, a pregnant single woman, who was suing the state of Texas for the right to have an abortion. Henry Wade was the district attorney of Dallas County.

The Cal Poly women need to be aware of their rights, said Haley Myers, an English senior and founder of the Cal Poly Women's Awareness club.

"The women at Cal Poly need to recognize themselves as a cohesive entity and need to stand up for themselves and their rights, instead of standing up for everybody else and not seeing themselves as marginalized groups,"

Myers said.

The Cal Poly Women's Center is a SLO Pro-Choice partner and tries to promote awareness among Cal Poly students.

"Students need to be educated about their choices, and they need to be educated about the fact that there are emergency contraceptives out there and available here in this area," said Susanne Kelley of Cal Poly Women's Programs. "There are organizations like Planned Parenthood and the (Women's) Center that will help them with their own choices."

The Cal Poly Health Center pharmacy carries in-stock emergency contraceptives, or what is more commonly known as the morning-after pill, said Mona McArdle, a part-time doctor with the Health Center.

"You don't have to make an appointment to get the morning-after pill... and they don't charge you for the visit," she said. "But (patients) do end up paying for Plan-B (the morning-after pill)."

The Health Center charges \$14.75 for the pill, said Steve Briggs with the Health Center's pharmacy.

Access to such options may be eroding, Mautz said. Legislation to block emergency contraceptives and abortions have been gaining ground the past couple of years, she said.

"In April 2001, President Bush pro-

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Recycling system puzzles students



A 1999 bill requires that 50 percent of Cal Poly's waste, by weight, must be diverted from landfills by Jan. 1, 2004. Efforts are being made on campus to make recycling easier and more accessible.

COLLIN HESTER/
MUSTANG DAILY**By Renée Shadforth**

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Recycling on campus can baffle even the brightest of Cal Poly students.

"I hardly ever recycle on campus," said Erica Gleason, an industrial technology senior, who said she does recycle at home. "It's kind of confusing figuring out where to put what. There will be (a bin) for cans here, and one for paper there. It's just easi-

er, when you're on the run, to just throw everything in the garbage can."

Brooke Diskin, a marketing senior, said Gleason's sentiments are not uncommon. "Students are not going to take the initiative to recycle in bins that aren't readily available," said Diskin, who is working on a senior project to promote recycling at Cal Poly.

According to a California bill, passed in 1999, 50 percent of Cal Poly's waste, by weight, must be

diverted from landfills by Jan. 1, 2004. In other words, half of Cal Poly's trash needs to be recycled. At least 25 percent had to have been diverted by Jan. 1, 2002.

Ed Johnson, Cal Poly's energy and utilities manager, said the university currently exceeds this required 25 percent. However, he said the bulk of the recycled goods come from agriculture and construction on campus.

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Weather WATCH

5-DAY FORECAST



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SATURDAY
High: 57° / Low: 43°



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TODAY'S MOON

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AT PORT SAN LUIS

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Low: 1:29 p.m. / 0.01 feet
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posed his first budget which eliminated contraceptive coverage for all federal employees," Mauz said. "The House Appropriations Committee voted against it and required he cover it. Unfortunately, she added, that same committee voted against allowing federal health plans to cover abortions.

One of the more alarming upcoming situations, she said, is that Bush could nominate a Supreme Court Justice who could swing the decision to be more conservative.

From 1961 to 1995, the number of unwanted births to married women dropped from 20 percent to 6.5 percent, according to a press release by SLO Pro-Choice, and the number of abortions have not changed since Roe v. Wade. It is estimated there are about 15 million abortions annually.

"In closing, I would like to quote that legal poet, Justice Blackmun, in the Webster case," Mautz said. "For today, at least, the law of abortion stands undisturbed. For today, the women of this nation still retain the liberty to control their destinies. But the signs are evident and very ominous, and a chill wind blows."

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of equipment and don't cover existing maintenance or operating costs.

"(The College of Engineering) can't expect private fund-raising to bear the brunt forever," Hewes said.

The College of Engineering Student Council and the Department Chairs Committee suggested the fee increase, Hewes said.

If the fee does pass, each department will have a committee made up of students and professors who will outline the needs each spring they see for the department, Hewes said. The money brought in from the fees will be used for anything deemed "instructional activities," including hiring professors for extra sections of classes, equipment and lab maintenance.

Information on the College of Engineering referendum will be available through February and March with meetings and open forums, Hewes said.

"When (students) understand the needs, we feel they will be in favor of it," he said.

If the fee doesn't pass with the majority of the students in the college, but does pass with the majority of students in departments, the college of engineering is considering the possibility of instituting an increase on the department level.

College of Liberal Arts

The College of Liberal Arts (CLA) has already begun its informational campaign. CLA is proposing a \$125 fee increase, with 2,900 to 3,000 students the college could bring in roughly \$1.2 million, CLA Dean Harry Hellenbrand said.

The college is looking at these funds because the state funding for full time students has decreased 15 percent since the mid-1980s.

"This was a legitimate thing to do last year, this was a legitimate thing to do five years ago," Hellenbrand said.

The CLA student-to-faculty ratio was 19 to 1 in the mid-1980s, said Hellenbrand. Now, it's 24 to 1.

"There has been a continued, slow erosion in our ability to offer classes and equipment," Hellenbrand said.

The biggest challenge in the campaign is getting the word out. Hellenbrand understands that students don't want to pay more, but he says they have to decide if their education is worth it.

CLA will also have student oversight of fee spending if the referendum is passed. Every fall, departments will report how the money was spent the previous year to committees with student representatives.

In the spring, the departments will prepare a "needs" list and expenditures will be approved by both CLA students and department chairs, Hellenbrand said.

College of Science and Mathematics

The College of Science and Mathematics (COSAM) is proposing a \$200 fee referendum, said Dean Philip Bailey. Right now, COSAM is

drafting its proposal, collecting student pro/con statements and holding departmental meetings.

If the fee passes, Bailey said it would bring in roughly \$1 million for the college.

Bailey said he sees three major priorities for the college. The first is equipment. He said that COSAM has not made a significant equipment purchase with state money since 1989. The second priority he sees is class access for COSAM majors and the third is faculty development.

The aspect of faculty development is important, Bailey said, because it is important to have excellent faculty.

However, Bailey said the college would emphasize student input on what they see as priorities.

Bailey said he believes that Cal Poly is poised for greatness, but on the brink of disaster, and asking for a fee referendum is a desperate act.

"If (the fee) doesn't pass, we have to change (Cal Poly's) value system," Bailey said. "We can't do things the way we are doing them."

When the state was prosperous, it didn't aid the university, Bailey said and now the college must look to students for help.

Throughout February and March, COSAM will have an informational campaign. There will be mailings to students explaining the fee and club forums, Bailey said.

Similar to other colleges, COSAM will have student oversight on the spending each spring, Bailey said. Student and faculty representatives at department levels will express what they see as the departments strengths and weaknesses and propose new spending priorities. Then the COSAM Student Council, department chairs and the dean will decide on expenditures.

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National Briefs

Missing specimens, unauthorized research at U.S. lab

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army's main biological warfare research center has found evidence that more than two dozen potentially dangerous samples were missing after an inquiry into allegations of relaxed security was made.

The microbe that causes anthrax and the Ebola virus were among the specimens lost. The discoveries were made by army investigators 10 years ago, but have only recently come to light. The investigators found that a total of 27 potentially dangerous samples were missing from the lab and that unauthorized anthrax research had taken place during evenings and weekends in February 1992. A probe has been launched to find the missing specimens. One batch and portions of others have been found in a laboratory.

The discovery adds weight to the theory that last year's anthrax attacks were carried out by a current or former scientist at the army's bio-warfare research center in Maryland.

— BBC News

Alcohol at Olympics requires special negotiations

SALT LAKE CITY — Only Utah's Alcoholic Beverage Control Department can import beverages with an alcohol content greater than 3.2 percent into the state. This causes a problem for countries that want to have alcohol at their Olympic celebrations.

When Italian Olympic officials tried to arrange for the import of 360 cases of wine, they were told that they would have to pay the 78.6 percent markup that the state charges for special liquor orders. The Italian officials were able to find a way around the fee. They persuaded Italy's foreign consulate in San Francisco to sponsor a private hospitality suite in the same office tower used by the Salt Lake City organizing committee.

Italy, and other foreign consulates, must still pay the fee of \$1 per bottle that the ABC Dept. charges for a no-resale stamp. Italy will pay the fee for 4,376 bottles of wine.

Other countries using diplomatic privileges to import alcohol are Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany and Switzerland.

— Associated Press

Bush supports pro-life rally

WASHINGTON — "This march is an example of inspired commitment and deep human compassion," President Bush said in support of anti-abortionists who were rallying in Washington on the 29th anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling of Roe v. Wade.

Bush is strongly opposed to abortion but has promised not to overturn the Roe v. Wade ruling. He said that supporters of the right to choose abortion should be treated with "respect and humility."

A few blocks away from the rally, abortion-rights supporters held a counter-protest and criticized the Bush administration's actions on the issues.

Bush supports bans on public funding for termination and late-term abortions. He also supports abstinence for teen-agers and laws that require the parents of minors seeking abortions be notified.

— BBC News

Amazon.com has first profitable fourth quarter

SEATTLE — Internet retailer Amazon.com posted its first net profit ever in the fourth quarter, beating even its own forecasts. The retailer said its profit of \$5 million — 1 cent per share — was helped by lowered prices, strong holiday sales and company wide cuts of extra expenses. Last year, during the same quarter, it lost \$545 million, or \$1.35 per share.

Amazon.com was able to cut its operating expenses by 24 percent in the fourth quarter from the same period last year.

Despite the profit last quarter,

Amazon.com still expects to break even or lose up to \$16 million for the quarter ending March 31, on net sales of between \$775 million and \$825 million.

For the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, the company recorded a net loss of \$567.2 million, or \$1.56 per share. In 2000, Amazon.com had a net loss of \$1.41 billion, or \$4.02 per share.

— Associated Press

International Briefs

Europe

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Former Serb Deputy Prime Minister Radoslav Brdjanin and General Momir Talic appeared for the first day of their trial in The Hague on Wednesday. The United Nations is charging them with playing pivotal roles in deporting, torturing and murdering Croats and Muslims in the 1992-95 Bosnian war. They are accused of helping mastermind at least one of the "ethnic cleansing" campaigns in the conflict. Two of the men accused of working closely with Brdjanin and Talic are still at large and are on the court's most wanted list.

Brdjanin, 53, and Talic, 59, were arrested and put into custody at The Hague in 1999 and pleaded not guilty to all 12 counts of genocide, crimes against humanity, violations of the laws and customs of war and breaches of the Geneva Convention. Talic's defense team said the court had not given it the same rights as the prosecution.

Last August, former Bosnian Serb general Radislav Krstic was the first person to be convicted for genocide by The Hague court. He was sentenced to 46 years in prison for the 1995 Srebrenica massacre of thousands of Muslim males.

— Reuters

South Pacific

SYDNEY — Australia-based scientists have developed navigational and flight-control devices based on

research into several types of insects. The resulting sensors could lead to aircraft weighing about 2.625 ounces, or about as much as a chocolate bar.

The scientists from the Australian National University have developed an electronic model of ocelli, which are sets of simple eyes like the ones on dragonflies and bees, and measure the distribution of ultraviolet and green light to maintain level flight, which is a problem in the ultra-thin atmosphere of Mars. The scientists have also programmed computers to avoid collisions like bees do by using the apparent speed of objects to determine distance.

NASA has provided some funding for the project and has agreed to help finance further work. It hopes to use the technology on a 2007 mission to Mars to explore the rock structure Valles Marineris, which is the solar system's most extensive canyon.

The Australian Defense Science and Technology Organization and the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Agency have also contributed money to the project. NASA is developing propulsion mechanisms and platforms for the micro flyers.

The combination of the technologies could allow aircraft as light as 75 grams to be carried to the surface of Mars.

The new advances are a type of biomimetics, which means "imitating biology."

— Reuters

South America

BOGOTÁ, Colombia — A 14-year sentence has been given to Sister Leticia Lopez, a Colombian nun, for the murder of a sister from her convent in Bogotá.

The body of Sister Luz Amparo Granada was finally identified five months after the body was found on the side of a road in November 1999. She received shots to the head, her legs had been severed and her torso had been badly burnt. She had been very popular in the ghettos of the capital where she worked with drug

addicts and prostitutes.

Police initially arrested Sister Leticia Lopez, but had to release her after 17 months due to lack of evidence.

Despite the fact that Sister Luz Amparo's room had been painted and scrubbed with detergent, Colombia's forensic labs, with the help of the FBI, were able to look through the paint and deep into the floorboards. They found that the walls had been splattered with blood and a trail showed that the body had been dragged from her room through the convent.

The motive for the murder remains unclear. Sources said that there had been tension between the nuns.

— BBC News

Africa

CAIRO, Egypt — An Egyptian businessman was sentenced to seven years in jail with hard labor Tuesday for having five wives simultaneously. The legal Egyptian limit is four. An investigation showed that Sayed Ragab al-Sawirki has married 19 women, but not all at the same time. Six others were sentenced for their involvement.

Two of Sawirki's employees were sentenced for forgery. Two of his brothers were convicted for signing the marriage certificate. The father of the fifth wife was fined for forging a birth certificate for his daughter, who was 14, so she could marry below the legal limit of 16. Another one of the wives received a sentence with hard labor for illegally marrying Sawirki four times after divorcing him three times. Under Islamic law, women who divorce a man three times cannot marry him again unless she has married another man in between.

Under Islamic law, men can marry up to four wives at a time as long as he treats them equally. Polygamy is not widely practiced in Egypt.

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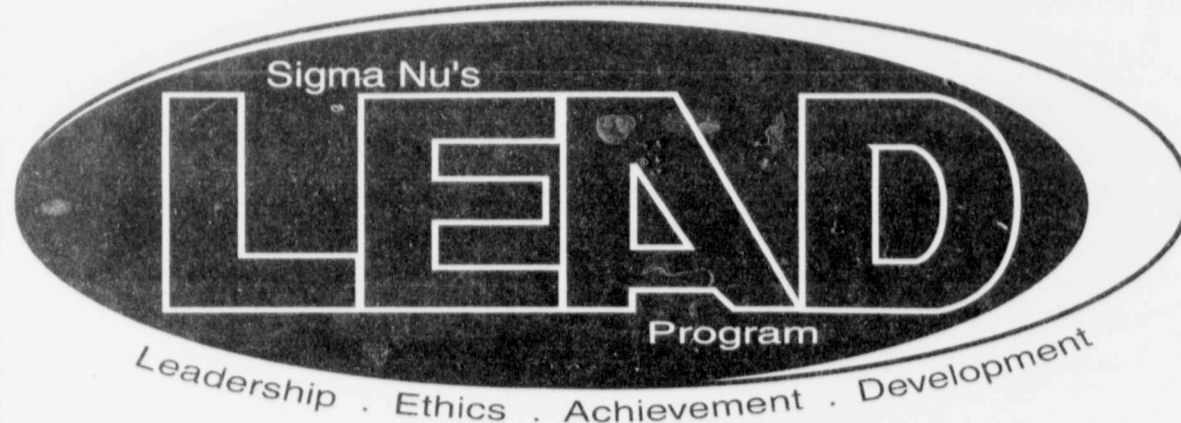
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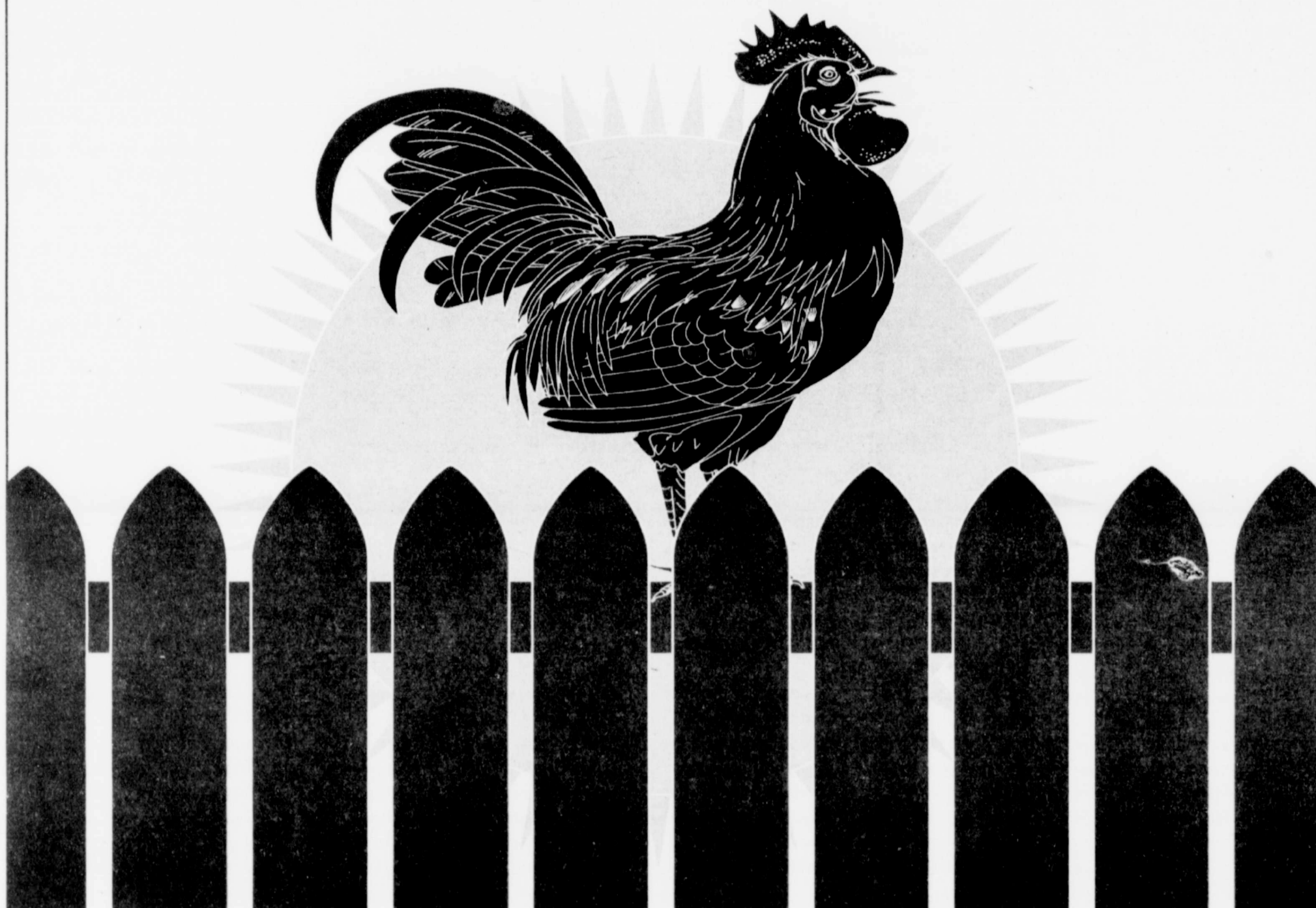


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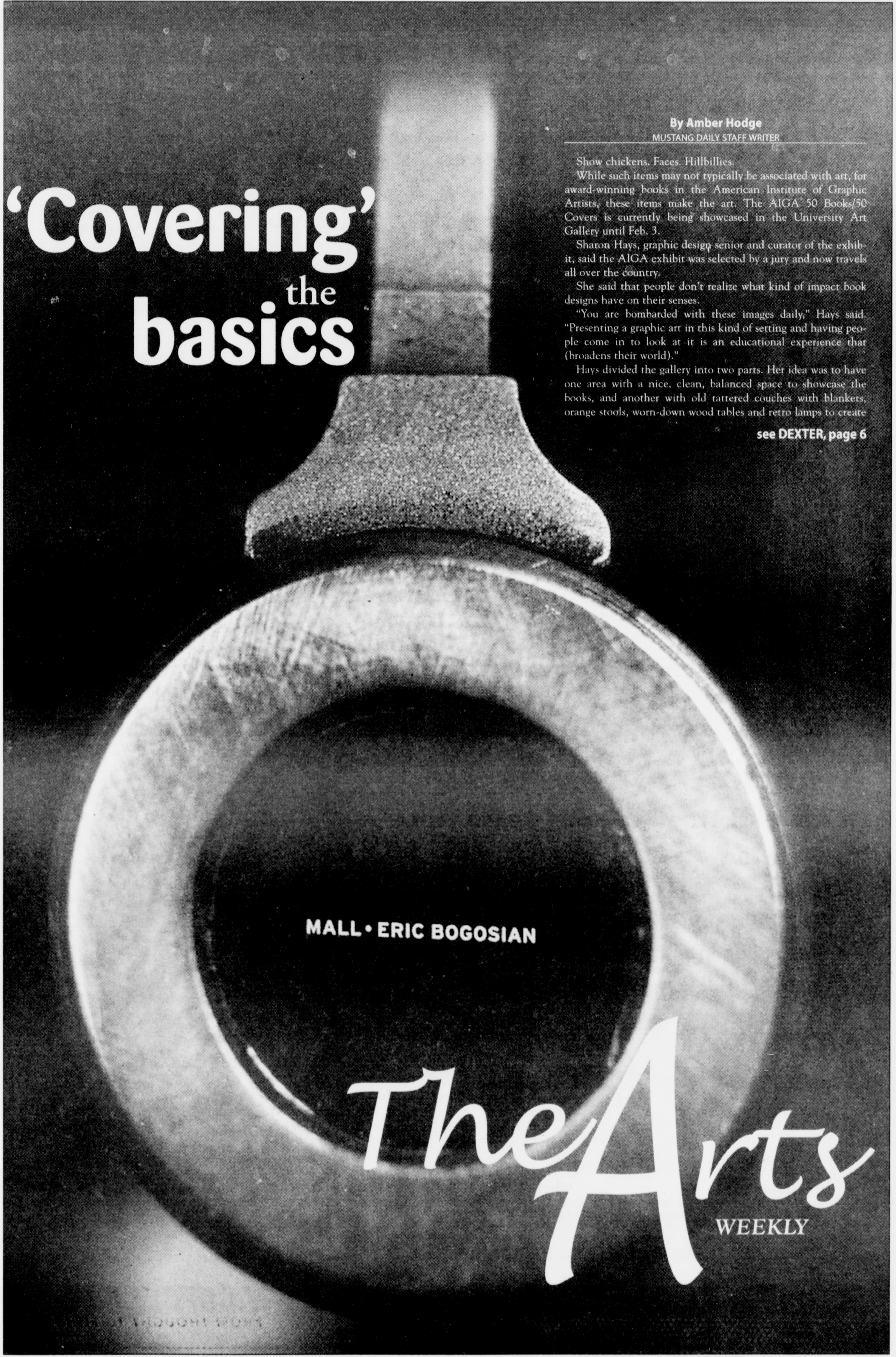
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'Covering' the basics

By Amber Hodge

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Show chickens. Faces. Hillbillies.

While such items may not typically be associated with art, for award-winning books in the American Institute of Graphic Artists, these items make the art. The AIGA 50 Books/50 Covers is currently being showcased in the University Art Gallery until Feb. 3.

Sharon Hays, graphic design senior and curator of the exhibit, said the AIGA exhibit was selected by a jury and now travels all over the country.

She said that people don't realize what kind of impact book designs have on their senses.

"You are bombarded with these images daily," Hays said. "Presenting a graphic art in this kind of setting and having people come in to look at it is an educational experience that (broadens their world)."

Hays divided the gallery into two parts. Her idea was to have one area with a nice, clean, balanced space to showcase the books, and another with old tattered couches with blankets, orange stools, worn-down wood tables and retro lamps to create

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a "grandma's house" atmosphere for the fun books.

"I figured out where to put things, how I wanted it to look, and the atmosphere I wanted," she said and later added that she wanted people to "be able to come in, sit down, and spend some time looking through the books."

Barbara Morningstar, English lecturer and coordinator for the gallery, said that the books are amazing.

"I think students should see (the exhibit) for the content, the quality, and the design aspect of the books," she said. "The books themselves are pieces of art."

Hays added that a good design will entice readers to pick up a book on a topic that they might not realize is interesting at first, but the design can be presented in such an interesting and intriguing way that it keeps readers wanting to look through it.

For Hays, one example is a book on show chickens. It's one of her favorite books because she bought it even before the exhibit arrived.

"You really have no idea that chickens were shown," she said. "As an artist, I got this book because I love the color patterns and the shapes."

This is not the first time Hays has put a show together. Last year she organized a AIGA design competition show, which included books, annual reports, brochures, wedding invitations, package designs and

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Barbara Morningstar
University Art Gallery
coordinator

other varieties of graphic design. The exhibit included books, annual reports, brochures, wedding invitations, package designs and other varieties of graphic design.

Hays works on installation art as well. She said installation art is similar to setting up a gallery, because the whole set up is the artwork and people aren't aware that it's art until they are confronted with it.

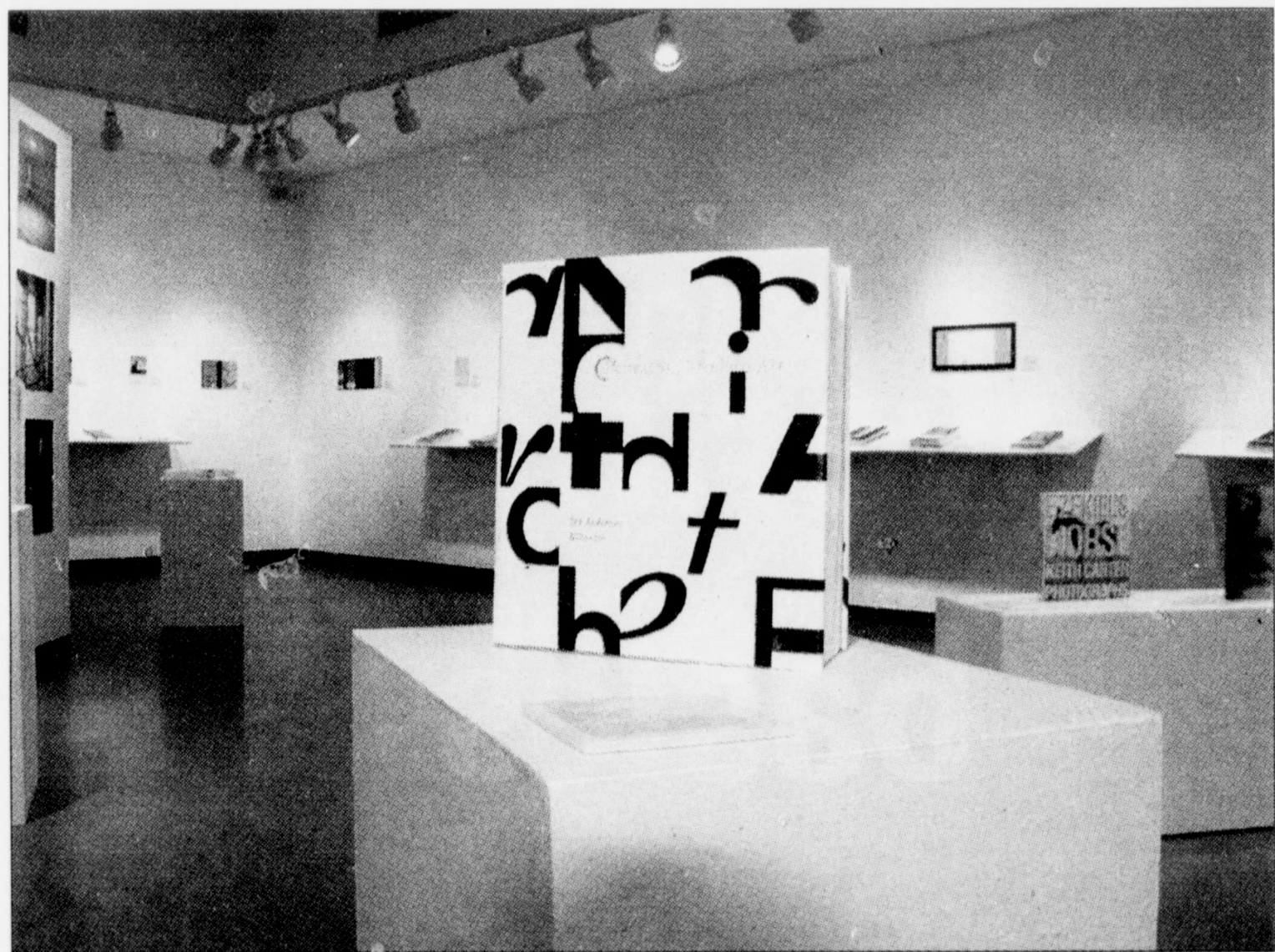
In this exhibit however, the content of some books may be confrontational, including photographs on lynching.

"If you have done any studying on slavery or racism in America, it is an amazing book," Morningstar said.

Another one of Hays' favorite books is "Hillbilly Hollywood," by Debby Bull. With fake diamond studs and silver lasso, the cover mimics Hollywood's idea of the Wild West.

In the exhibit, there are descriptive passages on each work about typeface and printing, Morningstar said.

"Anyone in graphic design, archi-



ERIC HENDERSON/MUSTANG DAILY

The University Art Gallery, above, currently features the American Institute of Graphic Artists 50 Books/ 50 Covers — an exhibit that has traveled all over the country showcasing exceptional graphic design.

tectural design, any of the design areas would be interested in that," she said.

She added that students who like to read would be interested in the exhibit as well.

Another book in the exhibit is "Contents," which comes in a handbag.

"They photographed contents of what people have in their Kate Spade bags," Hays said. "It's fun to

see what everyone else is carrying around. Some people really have a ton of stuff."

Originally, art was not what brought Hays to Cal Poly. At first she was doing what her father wanted her to do — work in agriculture. Now, as a single mother of two kids she has returned to Cal Poly to study art, focusing more on graphic design and studio art.

"I enjoy being creative and work-

ing in a creative atmosphere," she said.

The University Art Gallery presents six exhibits each year. The exhibits are chosen by a committee, composed of faculty members within the art and design department. The gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day, except for Wednesday when it is open 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call the gallery at 756-6038 or 756-1571.

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Small beginnings bring two sculptors together



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Top, sculptures by Shelley Gardner and Benjamin Mayo are currently on display at the San Luis Obispo Art Center on Broad Street. Bottom, Mayo's melted army figures represent the body's immune system.

By Barbara Bowden
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

She works in Oakland at a medical practice specializing in pain management; he is an assistant winemaker in Paso Robles. She has a Masters degree in sculpture from the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland; he graduated from the University of California, Santa Cruz. She uses ordinary, everyday items one might find around the house in her work; he uses plastic army men and wire. Together their art creates a unique universe that can be seen right here in San Luis Obispo.

Shelley Gardner and Benjamin Mayo are the two sculptors behind the "Amalgam" exhibit currently on display at the San Luis Obispo Art Center on Broad Street.

"The title of the show refers to the cumulative nature of my working process," Gardner said. "Tim Anderson, the curator of the exhibit, chose to pair my sculpture with Ben Mayo's because we both attach seemingly inconsequential, small materials until they form a substantial mass."

While the natural, earth-toned work of Gardner's contrasts visually with Mayo's painted, plastic and sometimes melted army figure sculptures, their approach to their artwork remains very similar.

"The stark contrast of Shelley's work against my work places two separate ideas within a common space,"

Mayo said. "The 'mixture' is the methods that we use to create our sculpture. We both use similar textures and building materials."

In Gardner's case, such materials include wood, screen, fabric, flowers, pods, wax and beans. The result arrives in many different shapes and sizes, many of which resemble large croissants and conch shells. These nature-friendly pieces are displayed in large cluster formations on the gallery walls, each one seeming to beckon to its neighbor in an effort to pick up where it left off.

"This exhibit is an opportunity to see a large body of recent work assembled together in a gallery space," Gardner said. "To see a large grouping presented in a neutral space gives me the chance to evaluate my progress as an artist. I can make some observations about the direction I would like to proceed in the future with this current body of work."

Mayo's latest work sits mainly perched on pedestals, with the exception of several hanging pieces that dangle from the ceiling. Bright, vibrant hues of red and blue mix with a basic white lacquer to draw the eye into the spherical clusters of toy infantrymen.

"The army men represent the body's immune system and its struggle to combat foreign intruders," Mayo said. "I researched biological and genetic journals to come up with a cellular shape and then abstracted it with

color and wire to create a cohesive object."

Such pieces, entitled "Double Helix Study" and "Stacked Cells," clearly reflect this exploration by intertwining elements of science and art. "I have been working on these pieces for approximately three years," Mayo said. "The work has gone through many different changes, but the basic personal and societal meanings are the same."

After graduating from UCSC in 1990, Mayo traveled around the country for a few years working in the photography industry.

"I began showing my work, mostly photography, in college," Mayo said. "After college, myself and others started a non profit alternative gallery in Colorado."

He has since shown his work in Denver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boulder, and now in San Luis Obispo.

Gardner has been a part of a slew of art shows all over the Bay Area, and also in Oregon, since 1983.

"I have a very small studio which is in a converted garage behind my home in Oakland," she said. "Due to the space constraints I rarely have the chance to view more than a few pieces on the wall at one time. It is a welcome change to be showing outside the bay area and reach a new audience unfamiliar with my work."

The San Luis Obispo community will have ample time to become acquainted with Gardner's and Mayo's work, as it runs through Feb. 18.

A sweet retreat at no cost

Whitney Kobrin

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For students who cannot afford a tropical getaway, one local artist helps ease the pain of being landlocked. With his vividly colored images of Hawaiian seascapes and sunsets, he brings a bit of the island to San Luis Obispo.

Brad Holahan, a graduate of the Cal Poly applied art and design department, is now displaying 12 of his Hawaiian-inspired paintings at the Thomas Everett Salon and Gallery as well as two other local galleries.

"The paintings are pretty and colorful, and they are well-suited for my gallery," said Thomas Everett, the owner of the gallery.

Everett said a mutual friend referred him to Holahan, whose paintings will be on display until the middle of February. Everett displays the work of local artists, changing the artwork in his gallery every two months.

Holahan said his interest in Hawaiian images is convenient because his best friend lives in Maui.

However, it took Holahan a long time to

arrive at his current style. He began painting when he was 12 years old, but did not begin painting Hawaiian scenes until two years ago after a trip to visit his best friend.

"In college I painted mostly dark subjects that nobody liked except me," Holahan said. "Then I got married and had a kid. I became happy and (arrived at) a new style."

Holahan often paints during the winter months because it allows him to indulge in the warmth of the scenes he paints and ignore the weather here on the Central Coast, he said.

Holahan added that he enjoys the bright colors he uses. Each of his paintings has an orange base because of the energy and heat the color suggests.

"Orange has a lot of energy, so it adds to the movement of the image," Holahan said. "It lends itself to sunsets and swaying trees, as well as skin tones and volcanic soil."

His oil paintings always include vivid color expression and thick brushwork, so he relates best with Van Gogh stylistically, he said. Holahan describes his work as closely related to the impressionistic style because his paintings are focused on conveying an emotional state



ERIC HENDERSON/MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly graduate Brad Holahan displays 12 of his Hawaiian-inspired paintings at the Thomas Everett Salon and Gallery on Marsh Street in downtown San Luis Obispo.

rather than a realistic image.

"When I paint, I am not thinking about copying an image or achieving photo realism," Holahan said. "I want to convey movement, color, the events of that day, and what it all means to me."

Holahan paints most of his images based on the photographs he takes while vacationing. But rather than paint the colors and images exactly as they are in the photograph, he recalls how those colors and images looked and felt to him.

"Film doesn't always capture what we see," he said.

Holahan said painting involves clearing out his head and forgetting about restrictions. Nobody can tell him how to do what he does,

and that makes painting a good hobby for him. When he paints, he often listens to Hawaiian music to immerse himself in the experience, he said.

In addition to the 12 works at Thomas Everett Salon and Gallery, Holahan has 13 paintings on display at the San Luis Artists' Gallery and one piece at the Arts Center Introduction Show for 2002.

Holahan is an employee of Intel. Painting is a hobby rather than a profession, he said. But, he said that it would be great if his hobby grew into a full time job.

"Whether painting becomes a profession for me or not, I would like to retire in Hawaii for the climate and the people," Holahan said.

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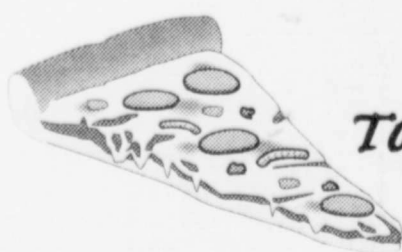
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Are college-based fee increases necessary?

It's no secret that Cal Poly has been voted the best in its class by US News and World Report for the ninth year in a row – but impacted classes, a shortage of teaching staff and failing lab equipment could soon alter that title. If each college does not approve the proposed student fee increase in order to solve these issues, Cal Poly will be unable to retain its coveted No. 1 status.

I'll admit, as a journalism student, I haven't had a tough time registering for classes. But other students are frustrated with the lack of sections open in major courses. As for antiquated technologies, the equipment in the Fisher Science building, I'm informed, has remained largely unchanged since the building's completion 30 years ago. The computers in the Polylingual International Resource Center are due for an update, and more lab technicians are needed. Is this our problem? As students with a say in our education, it becomes our concern, albeit a solvable one.

According to the College of Liberal Arts' Web site, state contributions have fallen by more than 15 percent since the late 1980s. This fee gap – money that we could have used to pay teachers so that they may develop new undergraduate programs, or to oversee more internships and speed the time to graduation – must be allocated for somewhere else.

Don't forget that Cal Poly's current fees are only 56 percent of the average when compared with the best public universities in our category. Associate Dean Doug Cerf from the Orfalea College of Business said that, while we are paying \$2,200 per year, other universities are paying \$3,900. A couple hundred dollars will make a significant difference to our university, while allowing us to remain the least expensive public university in our class.

The fee increase will range from \$125 to \$200, with the more technical colleges going for higher amounts. The money raised by the fee increase will be allocated to each department for program-specific use.

It is this fact that makes the fee increase different from any prior to it. None of the money will go to the administration – 100 percent of it will go to the colleges, which will then target it

directly to their departments and programs based on needs. The allocation of the increase will be an open, student-led process that recognizes students as an equal part of their education – it will be up to the students to decide what the money will be spent on once the fee increase is approved.

Students on financial aid – myself included – will not be hurt by this increase. In fact, the additional fees will be added into students' eligibility in applying for loans, said Amy Hewes, director of Publications and Communications for the College of Engineering. Students who have not exceeded the maximum on their Stafford loan can apply for more, and students who were not eligible for financial aid before the increase may now be able to apply.

Since the money is going to be allocated specifically for majors, general education (GE) courses may be the only problem. Dean Phil Bailey of the College of Science and Mathematics said that two-thirds of students who take GE courses in the College of Science and Mathematics don't pay fees to that college, and the College of Liberal Arts has the same issue. How that can be solved, he suggested, is by specific colleges allocating a portion of their fees to GE requirements. This is a possible solution, but it is going to be up to us, as students, to decide.

Although the fee increase is still in the proposal stage, I urge students to become involved now. Each college is required to hold two forums for students to explain the reasons and benefits behind the increase. There will be many opportunities for students in each college to face their dean with questions. My only question is, why hesitate?

This fee is obviously essential to keep Cal Poly functioning at the current level. Our university may be in a desperate situation if the proposal does not pass – we cannot function at our normal pace without extra funding. A university with our successful and widely respected reputation needs this fee increase to stay ahead of the game.

Cynthia Neff is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Colleges within Cal Poly are proposing to charge between \$125 to \$200 more a quarter and the reasons don't add up.

Administrators blame this fee proposal on budget cuts. But before the Sept. 11 attacks and the war on Afghanistan, there was talk of a fee increase. It seems like \$1,187,259 is a lot of money to need to open more sections. One would think this money is going to be put toward new equipment and forms of technology. But most equipment is donated by industries, so where is all this money going?

Administrators want you to believe that your money will go to good use. Increase in class availability is a big promise. Where will these extra sections of classes be held? There isn't enough room for classes as it is. My mass media law class has about 40 students, and until last Wednesday, some enrolled students were sitting on the floor. Our teacher had to make a deal with a teacher who had a smaller class to switch rooms to accommodate everyone. How are there going to be more classes for us if administrators keep letting in more and more freshman every year?

With over 80 percent of students receiving some form of financial aid, this fee increase will have an impact. An extra \$125 a quarter may result in a student not being able to afford to go to school anymore. There has been speculation that there is a surplus of aid available for those who qualify. But if that is the case, why even have a fee proposal? Many students have picked Cal Poly for its low in-state tuition along with its academic reputation.

For colleges that have many GE requirements in their curriculum, it will be hard to set aside a group of GEs met for particular majors. For example, four out of the five categories of GE classes required are in the College of Liberal Arts. Are the different colleges willing to set aside sections just for their majors, like the Living and Learning

▼ *"How are there going to be more classes for us if administrators keep letting in more and more freshman every year?"*

Program dorms are doing? That would take some concentration on the deans' part. It's hard enough for them to fit you into their schedules, let alone plan particular sections for specific majors.

Transfer students come GE certified and don't have to run around crashing courses. Is Cal Poly going to make them exempt from paying the fees for increased numbers of GE sections? If these fees do go into effect, what will graduating seniors do next fall? Imagine you have one quarter left after your four or five years and you have an extra \$125 to pay. I don't think that's fair. How are graduating students going to benefit? There is no real explanation for them. They have had to crash every GE just to graduate on time and now they have to pay extra for one quarter. Does that really seem fair?

The other proposed reason for raising fees is to hire more faculty to alleviate the tight schedules other professors have. Where are we going to put all these new faculty members? San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly have way too many student housing issues to take on those of faculty members. Let's not forget the parking problem either. There isn't any plan to put some of our fees toward more parking, is there? Instead of drilling the same issues into the ground, let's move on.

It seems like every quarter there is a suggestion for charging students more. First it was parking, and that plan didn't work. Then it was ASI fees. When was the last time they put on a major event? Now they want to charge us depending on different majors. I think not.

Nadea Mina is a journalism sophomore and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Commentary

Letters to the editor

'Veritas' is misleading

Editor,

I found it slightly ironic to open the Daily and see a Campus Crusader inviting me to come "explore the truth" during his "Truth" forum – as if organized Christianity ever really "explores" anything with an open mind, and without bias and dogma.

The Veritas Forum claims to seek ultimate truth. If they really are "seeking," I would expect the Crusaders to perhaps venture outside their little box just once and explore the notion that not everything in life (art, music, science, etc.) should necessarily be explained via their own personal rulebook, i.e. the Bible. "Veritas" is a misnomer. The forum is not designed to seek out truth; it is designed to seek out consistencies (wherever they may lie) and produce explanations that reinforce a particularly narrow religious belief. This is what Crusade calls "exploration." If you stare at the sky long enough, eventually the clouds will take the

shape of anything you please.

P.S. I am not an atheist.

Justin Fraga is an electrical engineering junior.

In defense of a fellow student

Editor,

I was appalled at the flurry of disgruntled letters printed about McCormack's saga ("A case study in getting disqualified," Jan. 18). I guess I am biased because Rion is a good friend of mine and I see things a little differently regarding his situation. I don't even know where to start. OK, the letter from Susan Currier: "P.S. I have never sent anyone to the homeless shelter." I think she recommended that option to Mr. McCormack, and now she's denying it. A common thread in all these letters is that they reflect a lack of understanding about what is the ultimate issue at hand, at least to me. Rion McCormack was going to graduate this summer. His GPA wasn't good, so the bureaucracy here at

Cal Poly decides that he'll take a quarter off. Hello, people! Is that going to help "prepare" Rion to attend classes again? (I think not.) Or better yet, maybe he can "reflect" on his bad grades? No. Anyone who has quit attending school for any length of time knows that it is all the harder to come back.

The actions taken against McCormack are neither in his best interest, nor the school's. Everyone loses when Rion can't graduate when he planned on it.

Currier irks me the most. I believe Rion's claim that she labeled him an alcoholic and then alerted his financial aid providers. Did I mention surrendering your rights as a private citizen as a benefit of attending Cal Poly? I am disgusted by the actions of our university and disturbed by the pompous reactions of others. I am one student who thinks McCormack should be able to attend classes this quarter.

Megan Leisz is a journalism senior.

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RECYCLING

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"We should be doing better in the buildings, and the residence halls are our biggest challenge at this time," he said.

Richard Wagner, facility services' recycling coordinator, said that convenience is the key to motivating people to recycle.

"We're slowly working in that direction," he said.

Facility services has a method, which is called co-mingle, to get people recycling more on campus.

"With co-mingle, everything goes together in one container. Instead of the consumer sorting the product, it is sorted at the facility," Wagner said.

The blue baskets and wheeled bins popping up steadily on campus are designated for co-mingling. That means office paper (even when it's stapled), notebook paper, newspaper, envelopes (even with plastic windows), cardboard, glossy magazines, phone books, aluminum cans, tin cans, glass containers, plastic containers and junk mail are all OK for the blue bins.

"When the city of San Luis Obispo switched to co-mingle, it made it easier for the consumer, and it increased their recycled product tremendously," Wagner said, referring to the city's switch from sort-it-yourself orange bins to co-mingle blue bins in 1999.

Wagner said there are over 200 blue waste wheelers on campus. He hopes to add another 500 wheelers as soon as possible.

"I'm open to suggestions from students," Wagner said. "There's no single way to do it."

Diskin added that recycling wouldn't be such a problem if people had the facts.

"Ninety-nine percent of people want to recycle," she said. "It's not like anyone's anti-recycling; they just need to be informed."

Students who would like to contribute ideas about recycling are encouraged to call Wagner at 756-5226.

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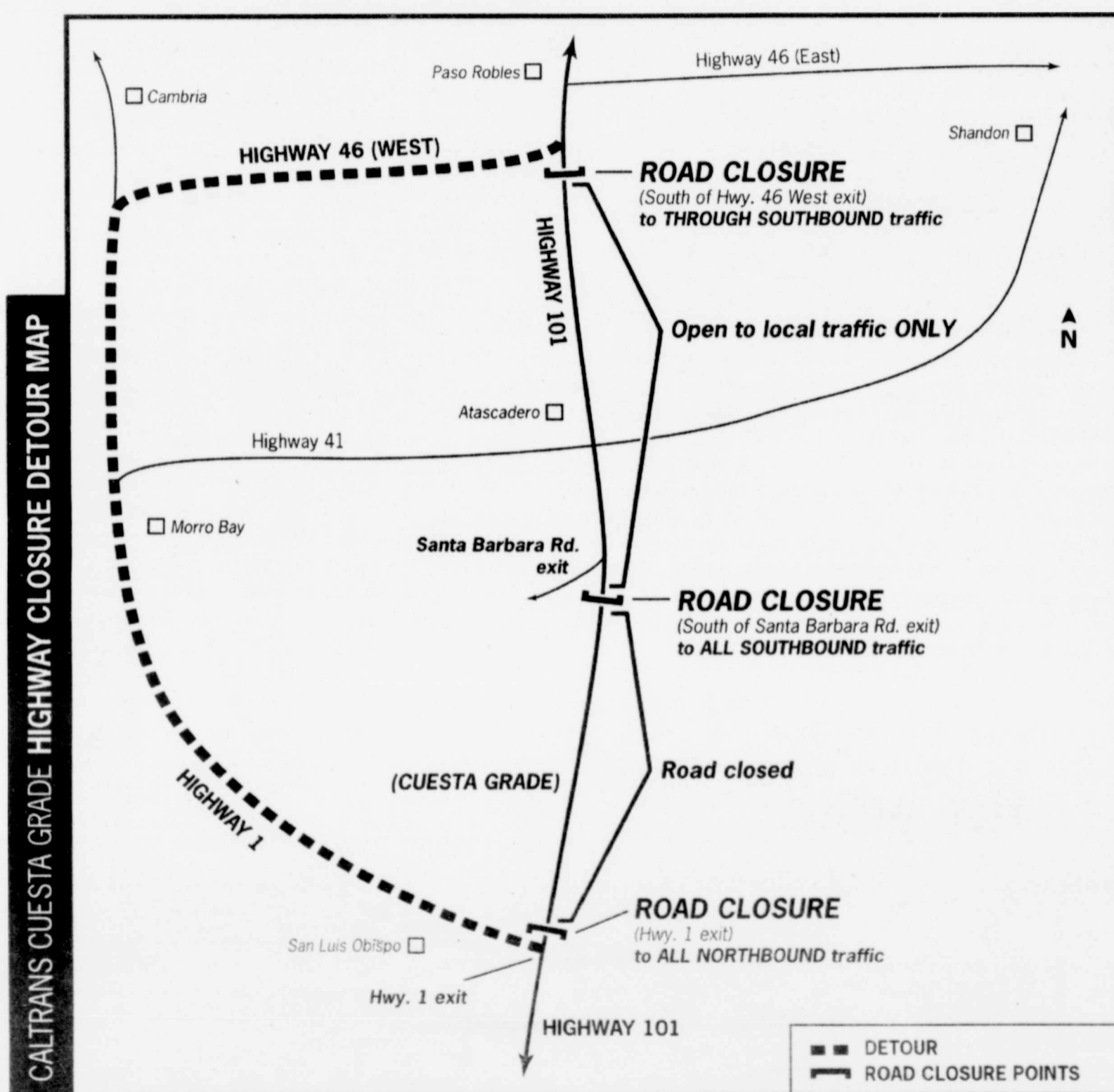
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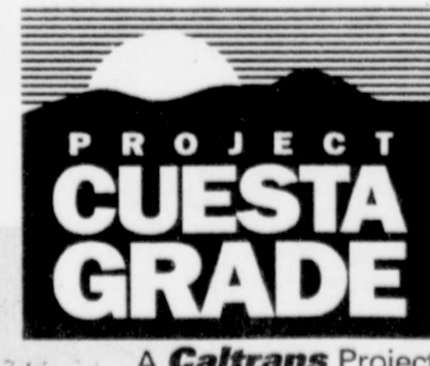
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Powers joked when asked about his major. "It's kind of hard sometimes. Every day I go back and forth on what I really want to do with my life."

Despite his indecision, Powers' teammates have nothing but the best to say about him.

"I think, skill-wise, Kyle brings a tremendous amount to the team," said senior Matt Patane. "We've been needing a long freestyler. It's great that he can come in and fill those shoes. He's got a whole lot of potential and I'm excited for him."

"He always swims hard," added senior Andy Garcia, "and that in itself is inspiring. It's a boost for the team. During Christmas break he'd send e-mails to the whole team talking about surfing. I just like having him on the team."

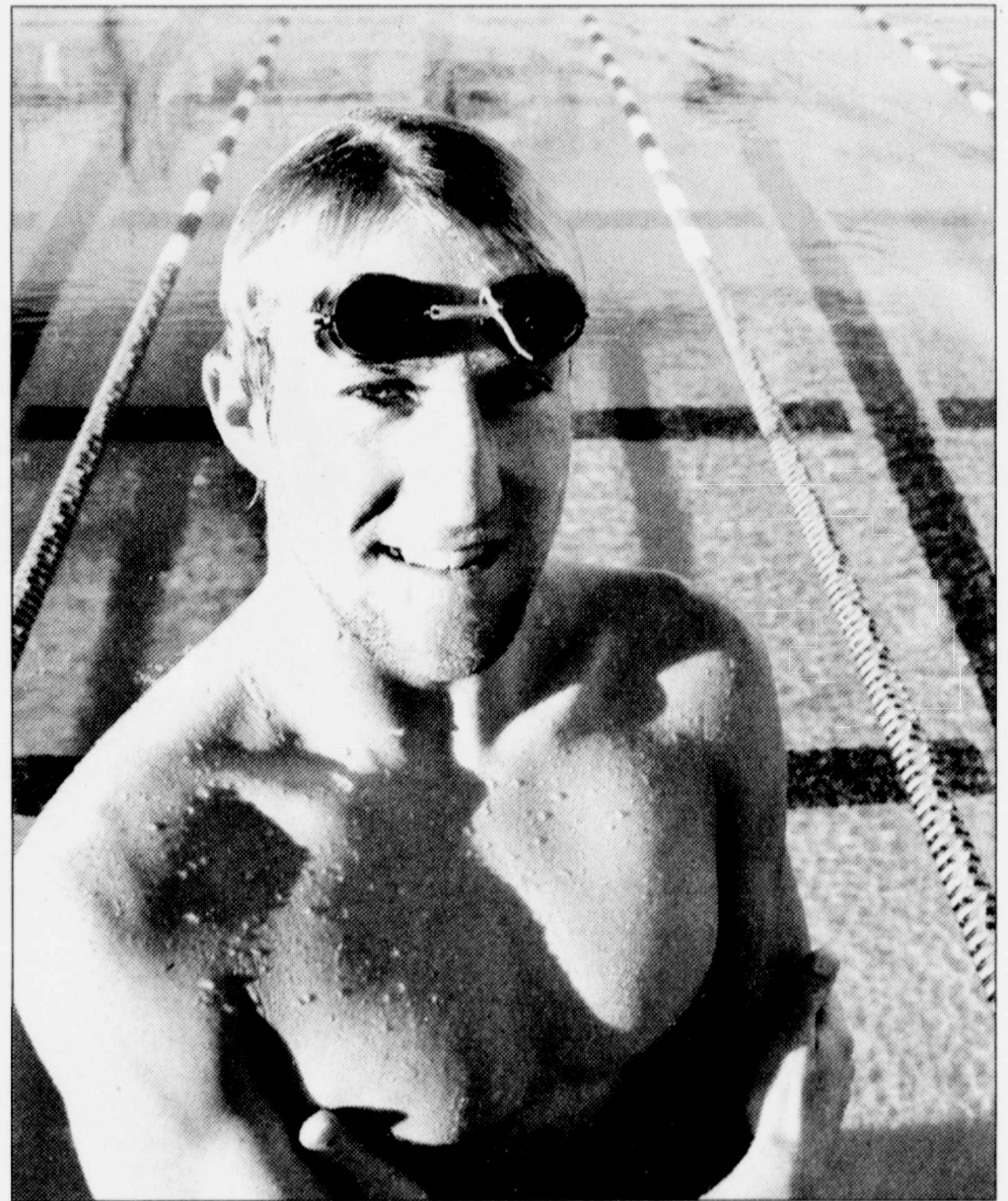
Powers credits much of his success to his coach at Ventura Community College, Coach Baratte.

"I still talk to the guy; he was really persuasive and inspirational," he said. "He's a great guy with anything, not just swimming."

While Firman says Powers came in with great recommendations, he's impressed by the improvements he has made over the year.

"So far this year he's improved mechanically as well as with his confidence," he said. "He's now starting to understand that he has the talent to compete at this level."

With Big West championships coming up next month, Powers seems to only be getting stronger. Cal Poly has a good chance for Powers and several other swimmers to place high at the championships.



AARON LAMBERT/MUSTANG DAILY

Powers regularly competes in the 500 freestyle, which he won at the UC Irvine Invitational on Jan. 5.

Typical of his nature, Powers was quick to ignore his individual chances and focus on the team.

"We've got a pretty solid team," he said. "This team has a lot of depth and will be really competitive. The guys I train with, we make each other go faster and give each other a run for our money."

Again, however, just because Powers is modest doesn't mean those around him are when describing his accomplishments.

"I know Kyle came in focused and determined at the beginning of the year," Patane said. "I've seen that

intensity build in him as time goes on. Every meet he's been swimming faster and faster at his events, which is totally awesome and amazing."

"He's a great addition," Garcia said. "He has a little more maturity than the average newcomer. He doesn't get flustered."

Powers is happy that he is able to help the team, but is unsure about a possible future with the Mustangs.

"I always think this is my last year," he admitted. "But what if I can do better? I just want to do well at the end of the season. I'll just take it a couple of days at a time."

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another two-point conversion by Archibald, Cal Poly pulled away in the second half. With Cal Poly leading 24-7, UC Davis began a comeback, scoring a try and conversion. Both teams scored three-point penalties, with the Mustangs' penalty scored by Craig Bonelli.

Cal Poly completed the win with a try by John Kennard, assisted by

Faries. The team's final score over UC Davis was 34-17.

While the Mustangs' first side earned a win, Cal Poly's second side suffered a lopsided defeat, 50-5. A shutout was prevented by Dan Ryska's try in the second half.

Cal Poly's third side had a victory over the Aggies, 17-7. The Mustangs, comprised mostly of rookies, are proving to be strong and have been progressing with the help of veteran and returning players.

The players are optimistic about the upcoming season and improving on their No. 6 national ranking.

"Cal Poly has a long way to go, but we will live up and supercede our sixth ranking," Stanga said.

The Cal Poly rugby team will host two strong teams this weekend, as it plays Brigham Young University at 7 p.m. on Thursday and Stanford at 1 p.m. on Saturday. Both games are at the Sports Complex.



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Powers' mojo grows with victories

By Matt Szabo

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Kyle Powers could be as modest an athlete as you would ever meet, but the men's swim team is glad that his swimming does plenty of talking in its own right.

Powers, a junior, has developed into one of Cal Poly's best swimmers in his first year with the Mustangs. He won the 500 freestyle at the UC Irvine Invitational Jan. 5, and then a week later swept every event he entered at the meet against Cal State Northridge. The longer he is on the team, the more he continues to make his impact felt.

"I just try as hard as I can no matter what, but hopefully it'll be good for the team," Powers said. "The guys I train with are as fast or even faster than me."

That may or may not be true, but head coach Rich Firman said that Powers definitely brings a lot to the table.

"By far, he's one of our top middle-distance and distance swimmers," Firman said. "He can swim all the freestyles, from the 50 to the 1,600. Being that versatile makes him a great asset to the team."

Powers is a junior college transfer from Ventura Community College, and he has less than a year with the Mustangs under his belt. Still, Firman believes Powers is a team leader.

"He's got a very nice demeanor, a dry sense of humor," Firman said. "He's easy to be around. He leads a



AARON LAMBERT/MUSTANG DAILY

Swimmer Kyle Powers has lead the Cal Poly men's swim team to victories over Cal State Northridge and UC Santa Cruz this season. Against Cal State Northridge, he won all events he entered in.

little more by example than verbally."

Powers laughed when told of Firman's comments about his personality traits.

"I just like to joke around with

(Firman)," Powers said. "I think he gets pretty pissed off. I always like to have a sarcastic kind of humor."

Part of Powers' laid-back attitude might be due to his favorite hobby: surfing. In fact, it was very difficult

for Powers to dedicate the time necessary for the swim team, due to his love for surfing.

"Surfing, or business I mean,"

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Rugby runs over Aggies in impressive win

By Dawn Rapp

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Jon Kollerer earned the family bragging rights over his brother when Cal Poly rugby defeated UC Davis 31-12 on Saturday at the Sports Complex.

Kollerer said it was a bit awkward playing against his brother, Marc, a fourth-year student at UC Davis, who was also named as an MVP in the game.

"I'm used to playing on the same side," Kollerer said. "But in the end, beating him is the best feeling in the world."

Kollerer, a Cal Poly sophomore forward, scored two tries in the Mustangs' second non-league game of the season and was named Player of the Game by both Cal Poly and UC Davis. Kollerer was given a UC Davis jacket for his "outstanding forward play and support."

Although last week's game was a shut-out against UCLA, this win was important because Davis is considered a much stronger opponent, as that team is a perennial contender in the postseason.

This is Cal Poly's second year in a row beating the Aggies. Head Coach Charles Zanolli was very happy with how his team played, noting how the team joined together and rose up against a very tough opponent.

"I was impressed with our



COLLIN HESTER/MUSTANG DAILY

A Cal Poly rugby player runs through his UC Davis opponents with help from his teammates. The Mustangs defeated the Aggies 31-12 last Saturday at the Sports Complex.

improvement from last week's game," Zanolli said. "I was most impressed with our forwards and how they stepped up and played."

The game was mostly even in the first half with very little scoring by both sides. UC Davis is known for having big players, which some Cal

Poly ruckers named as a factor for the initial low score. The Mustangs' Ryan Faries scored the only try for the team, as the first half ended with Cal Poly trailing 5-7.

The second half saw a much stronger offense on the part of the Mustangs. Jeff Stanga, a sophomore

fly-back, scored early in the second half assisted by Jimmy Hamlin. A two-point conversion followed, kicked by Bryan Archibald, making it 12-7 Cal Poly.

With Kollerer's two tries and

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BRIEFS

Mustangs to host televised basketball game

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly men's basketball team will look to snap out of a three-game losing skid tonight when the Mustangs host Long Beach State.

The 49ers (6-12, 2-5) lead the overall series with Cal Poly, 24-20, but fell in their last trip to Mott Gym, 103-88. Cal Poly is coming off a 74-67 loss to UCSB last Saturday. It was Cal Poly's seventh straight loss against UCSB, a streak started three years ago under then-head coach Jeff Schneider. The defeat was also the Mustangs' first loss at home this season.

Long Beach State picked up a 78-74 win over Pacific at the Pyramid last week. Travis Reed had 19 points to pace the 49ers. He leads the team with a 12.4 points-per-game average on the season.

Varnie Dennis leads the Mustangs with 16.3 ppg average and 6.1 rebounds per game average. Brandon Beeson has also contributed lately with an average of 13 points-per-game. Cal Poly heads into the game tied for fifth in the Big West, with a record of 9-6, 3-4 in conference play. Long Beach currently holds in the ninth spot in the conference.

Thursday's game will tip off at 5:30 p.m. and will be carried live on Fox SportsWest 2. The game will be the second game of the team's recent homestand. The Mustangs next host first-place UC Irvine in a Big West Conference showdown on Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym.